

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

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Titled: VIABLE TISSUE REPAIR IMPLANTS AND METHODS OF USE

DePuy Mitek, Inc., a Corporation  
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

/George A. Xixis/  
Signature

November 18, 2009  
Date

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